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SLABADELE, USSR



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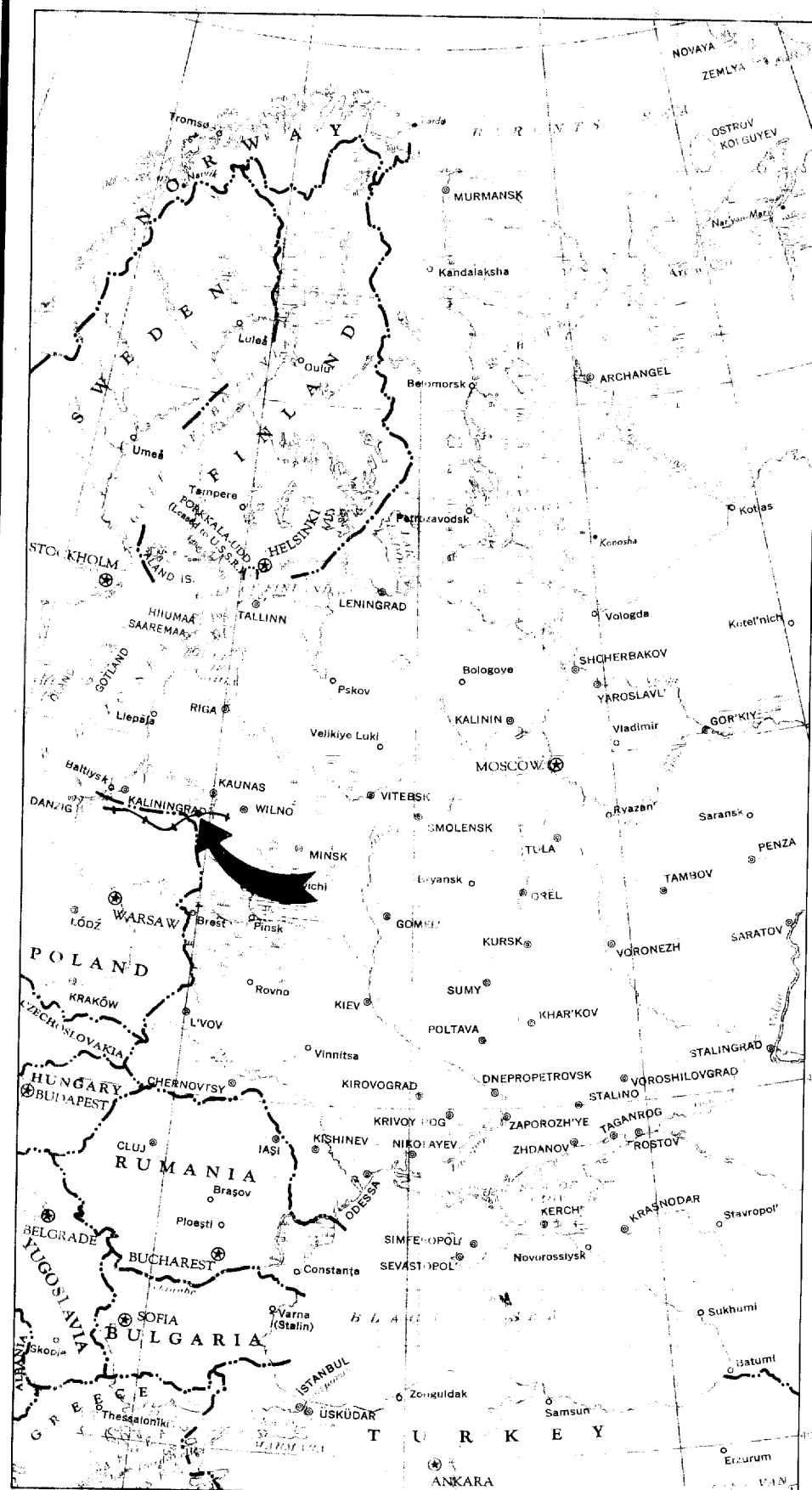
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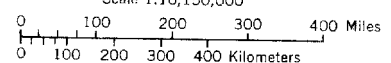


# EUROPEAN U.S.S.R.

- International boundary
- ⊙ National capital
- Railroad (selected)
- +— Canal (selected)

Some boundaries shown on this map are de facto boundaries (1952), not necessarily recognized as definitive by the United States Government; the United States Government has not recognized the incorporation of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania into the Soviet Union.

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25X1D A newly constructed railroad yard and associated spur appear on [REDACTED] aerial photography at the village of Slabadele, 54°20' N/ 23°22' E, approximately 40 nautical miles south-southwest of Kaunas, USSR. It is approximately six nautical miles northeast of the Polish-USSR border on the rail line connecting Suwalki, Poland and Alytus, USSR.

25X1D On [REDACTED] aerial photography, neither the yard nor spur appeared. The yard, located in a wooded area surrounded by cleared farmland, is approximately 3,075 feet long and at least four tracks wide. An object on the south side of the track near the western choke point may be a switch block judging by its location. The spur track, extends southeast for approximately 670 feet from a point near the western end of the yard. The abrupt termination of forest cutting near the end of the spur track may indicate that further extension into the forest is not planned. A cleared area approximately 330 feet square, located midway along the north side of the yard, contains one single-story building, [REDACTED] and two other smaller buildings or sheds.

25X1D West of the railroad yard the main track passes through a cleared area which measures approximately 1,100 by 300 feet. Near the eastern end of this clearing and north of the western choke point of the yard, there is a small building, beyond which a road leads to the village of Slabadele. Near the building there is probable construction material or equipment, and a construction road leads from here to the terminal end of the spur track. Other roads, one of which passes through the wooded area, join Slabadele to other small villages nearby.

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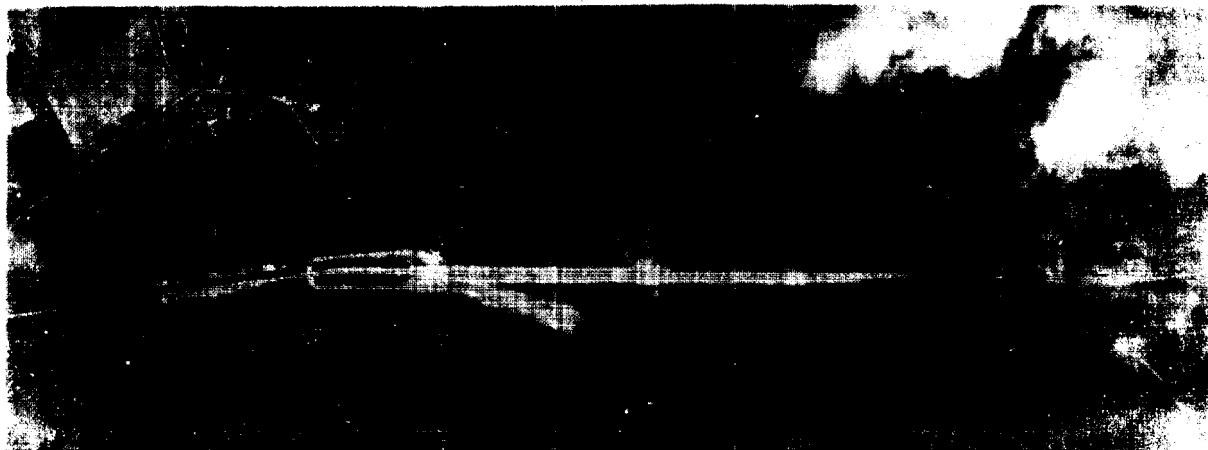
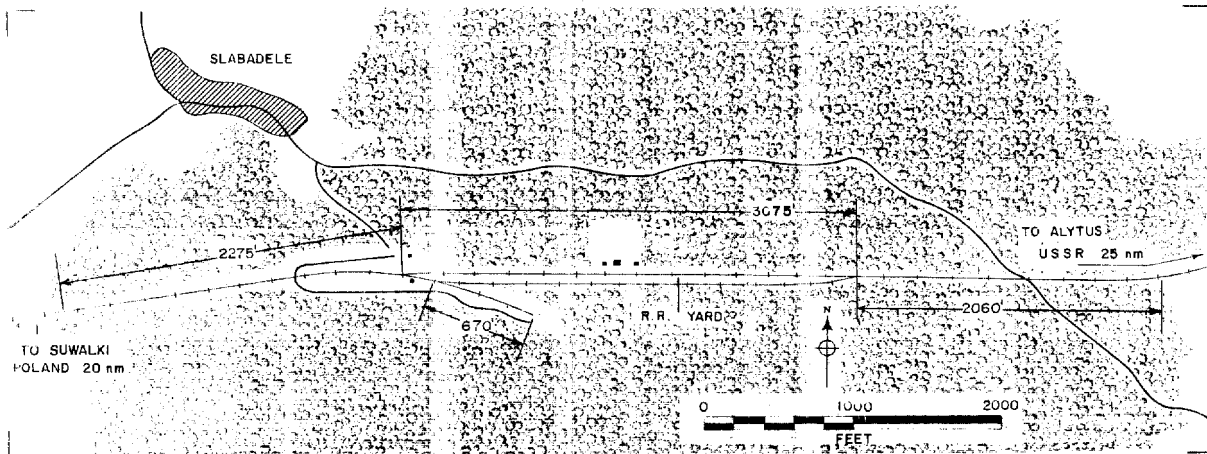


Fig. 1 Slabadele rail spur and yard, from [REDACTED] photography

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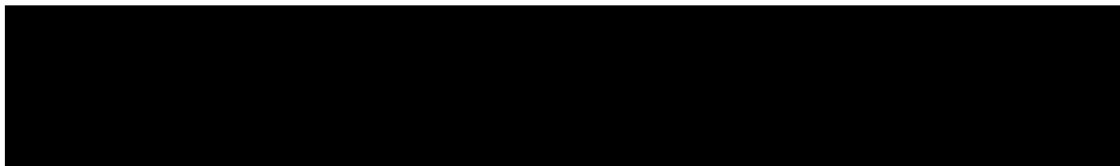
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Dark lines across the track, some distance beyond either end of the railroad yard, have the appearance of security barriers on [REDACTED] 25X1D photography. However, the larger scale [REDACTED] 25X1D photography shows them to be culverts existing prior to construction of either the yard or the spur.

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PHOTO DATA:



25X1D

MAP DATA:

USAF Pilotage Chart (Low altitude), 168A, scale 1:500,000 (C)  
AMS Series N501, Sheet NN34-6, scale 1:250,000 (U)

COORDINATES:

54°20'N/23°22'E

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